

I. **Amendments to the Specification**

At page 6, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 12 as follows:

FIG. 3 lists the 5' region of mouse NMI  $\beta$  cDNA cDNA (SEQ ID NO:8) and corresponding amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:7) (Panel A) and the organization of the myosin I  $\beta$  gene on chromosome 11 (Panel B); in Panel A, the two ATG codons corresponding to the consensus start site and NMI  $\beta$  start site are underlined; the peptide that overlaps the consensus start site that was obtained by microsequencing (ASALGSDGVRVTMESALTAR) (SEQ ID NO:4) is shown in bold; the previously known mouse myosin I  $\beta$  cDNA and protein sequences are in italics.